



SOUTHEAST ASIA: On September 10, Tropical Storm Wukong made landfall with winds of 60 knots (69 mph) in north-central Vietnam. Heavy rains (25-100 mm) were generally confined to coastal areas of the Red River Delta, delaying 10th month rice harvesting. Elsewhere in Vietnam, dry weather reduced moisture supplies for 10th month rice. Wukong weakened to a tropical depression (sustained winds less than 34 knots) and moved into Laos just north of Thailand bringing widespread showers (25-75 mm) to Thailand that increased moisture supplies for rice. Monsoon showers (50-200 mm) caused coastal flooding in southern and western Luzon, Philippines throughout the week, while Tropical Storm Bopha made landfall with winds of 45 knots (52 mph) in northern Luzon on September 11. Elsewhere in the Philippines, drier weather prevailed, reducing moisture for main-season rice. Moderate showers (25-50 mm) maintained moisture supplies for oil palm across peninsular Malaysia. Sunny, dry weather prevailed across Java, Indonesia, aiding second-crop rice development.